

REMARKS

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Non-elected claims 30-51 have been canceled. No claims have been added or amended. Claims 8-29 remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

II. ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the Election of Species Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, in which the Examiner has required that the applicant elect one of the following species:

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| A. Fig. 3 | D. Figs. 10a-b | G. Figs. 14 and 15 |
| B. Figs. 4 and 5a-c | E. Fig. 11 | H. Figs. 17 and 18 |
| C. Figs. 6a-c | F. Figs. 12 and 13 | I. Figs. 19a-c; |

applicant provisionally elects Species G (Figs. 14 and 15) without traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that, at a minimum, claims 8, 9, 11-14, 16, 18-23, 25, 26, 28 and 29 are directed to the elected species. To the extent that the elected species may include the "two piece offset spring assembly" referred to in the Office Action, applicant hereby elects the sub-species illustrated in Figure 9.

III. CLOSING REMARKS

Early and favorable consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such

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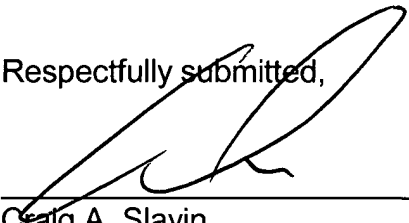
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fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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Date

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